

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of:** LUDWIG, L. et al.**Docket No:** VCOR-001/00US**Serial No:** 08/131,523**Filed:** October 1, 1993**For:** Multimedia Collaboration System**Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Application Processing Division
Washington, D.C. 20231****MAR 13 1996****SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above application as follows:

In the claims:

55. (Amended) A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a) an AV path for carrying AV signals [among said workstations, said AV signals] representing video images and[/or] spoken audio of said participants, [said AV path] connecting the workstation of a first [of said] participant[s] at a first location to the workstation of a second [of said] participant[s] at a second location via a third location; [and]

(b) first, second and third codecs respectively, at said first, second and third locations, for compressing said AV signals and decompressing said compressed AV signals, each of said codecs in communication with said AV path; and

(c) an AV signal switcher at said third location, [coupled to] in communication with said third codec and said AV path, for receiving and routing said AV signals to a location other than said third location if said AV signals are intended to be processed at said other location, [whereby the video image and spoken audio of said first participant can be routed to said second location, via said third location, and reproduced at the workstation of said second participant.]